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REFERENCES: A) EC BRUSSELS 09077; B) TEHRAN 9926

1. FOR USEC:

-- YOU MAY INFORM SOAMES THAT USG CONTINUES TO FIRMLY OPPOSE EC-IRAN PREFERENTIAL AGREEMENT. IN ADDITION TO ARGUMENTS USED EARLIER YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT SUCH AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN A GIANT TRADING BLOC AND MAJOR NATION WOULD BE A CLEAR DEPARTURE FROM MFN TRADE LIBERALIZATION WE ARE SEEKING IN THE GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS. ANY SIGN THAT THE EC COMMISSION OR MEMBER STATES ARE WEAKENING OR MAY DECIDE TO GIVE IN TO IRANIAN REQUESTS COULD THUS BE INTERPRETED AS DEMONSTRATING LACK OF INTEREST BY THE EC IN THE GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS. THIS IN TURN COULD ENCOURAGE PROTECTIONIST TRENDS IN BOTH EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES. YOU MAY ALSO TELL SOAMES THAT WE REITERATED OUR OPPOSITION TO AN EC-IRAN PREFERENTIAL AGREEMENT WHEN THE IRANIANS RAISED THE MATTER DURING US-IRAN MEETING IN TEHRAN ON SEPTEMBER 29. (NOTE: WE ASSUME UK WILL HAVE INFORMED SOAMES OF DEVELOPMENTS REPORTED IN TEHRAN 9926.)

2. FOR OTHER ADDRESSEES: WHILE WE DO NOT WISH TO MAKE A FORMAL DEMARCHE TO THE EC MEMBER STATES OR TEHRAN AS WE MOVE INTO THE PREPCON, YOU MAY DRAW ON POINTS IN PARA 1 ABOVE AS APPROPRIATE SHOULD AN OPPORTUNITY ARISE DURING THE COURSE OF YOUR NORMAL CONTACTS WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. IN VIEW OF TEHRAN 9926, WE WOULD BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN ANY SIGNS THAT IRANIANS MAY BE BACKING OFF. KISSINGER

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